

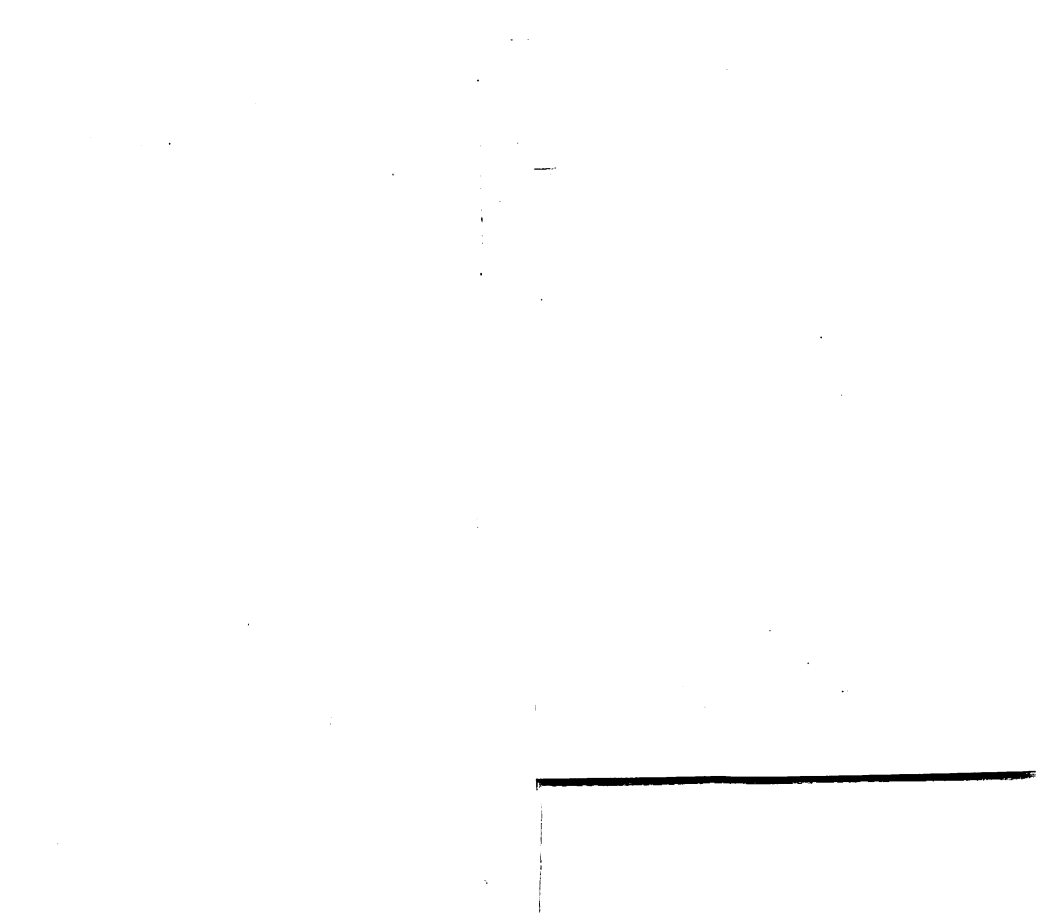
Francis C. Montgomery was born July 7, 1892, at Heber City, Utah, son of Livingston Montgomery and Amelia Ann Clegg Montgomery. He completed the eighth grade at the old Central School, when Attawall Wootton was county superintendent, D. A. Broadbent was principal, and B. A. Fowler was teacher. A very close and thoroughly inspected examination was the order of the day for that graduation.

He was listed in Wasatch County's first regular accredited four-year graduating class

of Wasatch High School in the year 1912.

Dr. Montgomery received a normal certificate from the University of Utah and taught school in Heber City two years. He married Dona Murdock, daughter of Joseph A. and Martha Fortie Murdock. Clayton and Dona had the following children: Elaine Montgomery (Jensen), Frances Montgomery (Cannon), Dr. Jay Montgomery, Monta Montgomery (Mack), Annette Montgomery (Bourne), and Dr. Steve Montgomery.

Dr. Montgomery received his doctor of dental surgery degree from the University of Southern California in 1917. He has practiced dentistry since that time at Heber City, except time out for an LDS mission to the Northern States and for army service. He was a private in the Medical Enlisted Reserve Corps in World War I, and served four years as a major and lieutenant colonel in World War II. He is now a retired colonel in the army of the United States. He is a member of the Central Utah Dental Assn., the Utah State Dental Assn. and the American Dental Assn. For his service to fellow dentists and by aiding the progress of dentistry in general through his teaching efforts in universities and dental seminars his name has been selected for inclusion in editions of Who's Who in American Dentistry. The doctor is a member of the International Pierre Fauchard Academy.



When membership in the Central Utah State League was proposed for Heber it was accepted unanimously. In fact, there probably has never been a movement so favorably endorsed. On game days the stores closed, the barbers dropped their scissors and quit cutting hair, the farmers turned the water in and let it run, the sick forgot their aches and pains, the restaurants wouldn't feed the hungry and even the garages and service stations closed.

Tourists who happened to come through town on a baseball afternoon in need of gasoline or repairs usually reacted first with anger, and then after hunting out the garage manager at the ball park usually ended up cheering right along with the next guy.

The games were not over at the ball park by any means. They were played over and over again at the saloons, barber shops and other public places. If a player had made an error or hadn't played too well on a certain day, he even hesitated going into town after the game.

At the ball park, the playing field was roped off with a large wire rope cable and spectators were taught to respect the player's domain. For years "Old Uncle" John Crook, an original pioneer then in his 80's, would sit by the steel rope cable in right field, and seldom missed a game. The brass band had the best seats in the grandstand and occasionally a baseball would go through the chicken wire net and foul off the bass horn.

During baseball season the club generally played two games a week, one at home and one away. It was quite a sacrifice for the players and those for whom they worked since a lot of traveling and practice time was required.

The clubs of the Twenties in Heber didn't have to rely on horse-drawn hacks for transportation, but went in style in automobiles furnished by Laban and Joe Hylton who were the transportation committee and chauffeurs.

The ball club prospered during the 1920's. It won division championships in 1922 and 1923. However, when the depression hit in 1929 the baseball team broke up and was never re-established on quite the same basis.

Managers of the Heber Eagles during the golden years of 1920 to 1929 were Andrew Murdock, F. C. Montgomery, Jess Hiatt, Add Averett, Alva Murdock and Bill Anderson. Alfred Sharp was the official scorer.

The players most remembered included Wallace Nelson, Pharis Murdock, Frank Sweat, Elliot Giles, Glen Nelson, Arthur Murdock, George Stanley, Clayton Montgomery, Virgil Fraughten, Bert Bonner, Tom Tadd, Clarence Murdock, Earl Montgomery and Ray Nelson.

The entire community supported the team, but some of the top supporters included John Anderson, Moroni Moulton, J. W. Giles, Della Murdock, James Ritchie, William Wilson, Ab Giles and John Wall.



The Heber Eagles, popular team of the 1920's. Pictured here, left to right, standing, Elliot Giles, Frank Sweat, Pharis Murdock, Francis C. Montgomery, Emer Murdock, Virgil Fraughten, Ray Nelson, George B. Stanley, Clarence Murdock, Douglas Giles, Wallace Nelson and Jesse Hiatt. Seated in front are Moroni Moulton and son Rulon and John Anderson.